Appl. No. 10/612,280 Amdt. dated December 1, 2004 Preliminary Amendment

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action dated November 9, 2004 requires restriction to one of two groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of manufacture, classified in class 264, subclass 681.
- II. Claims 10-16, drawn to an aluminum oxide component, classified in class 501, subclass 127.

Applicant elects Group II without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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